

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend claims 13 and 24 as shown below in the listing of claims.

**List of Claims**

1-11. Cancelled.

12. (Original) A method of treating a patient for atherosclerosis comprising: administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of: oxidized all-trans retinoic acid; oxidized 9-cis retinoic acid and reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.

13. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claims~~ claim 12, wherein said compound is administered to said patient at a daily dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said compound is oxidized all-trans retinoic acid.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said compound is oxidized 9-cis retinoic acid.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said compound is reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.

17-23. Cancelled.

24. (Currently amended) A method of ~~preventing the formation of~~ treating atherosclerotic lesions in a patient undergoing a heart transplantation, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of: oxidized all-trans retinoic acid; oxidized 9-cis retinoic acid; and reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said patient is administered oxidized all-trans retinoic acid.
26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said patient is administered 9-cis retinoic acid.
27. (Previously presented) The method of 24, wherein said patient is administered reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.
28. (Previously Presented) The method of any one of claims 24-27, wherein said compound is administered at a dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg.
29. (Previously presented) The method of any one of claims 24-27, wherein the heart being transplanted is treated with said compound prior to surgery.
30. (Previously presented) A method of treating a patient for atherosclerosis, comprising: administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of: 18-hydroxy-retinoic acid; 4-hydroxy-retinoic acid; 4-oxo-retinoic acid; and 3,4-dihydro-retinoic acid.